

**AMENDMENTS**

**In the Claims**

Claim 1 (canceled)

Claim 2 (canceled)

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Claim 18 (canceled)

Claim 19 (canceled)

Claim 20 (canceled)

Claim 21 (canceled)

Claim 22 (canceled)

Claim 23 (original): A utensil for cleansing and massaging skin, comprising:

a body; and

a plurality of bristle bundles extending outward from the body, the bristle bundles being grouped together to form cleansing members, the cleansing members having a centermost portion in which the bristle lengths are shorter relative to the outermost bristle lengths;

a pedestal secured to the body for securing the branched bundles to the body; and

at least one ring element secured to the body, the ring element having bristles along a surface thereof.

Claim 24 (original): The utensil of claim 23 wherein, the ring element includes a sponge portion.

Claim 25 (new): A hygienic utensil comprising:

a body;

a cleansing and massaging member, said cleansing and massaging member being attached to said body;

a ring element, said ring element being connected to said body, said ring element having an annular facing surface;

a plurality of ring bristles, each of said plurality of ring bristles being rod-shaped and having a ring bristle end, each of said ring bristle ends being attached to said annular facing surface of said ring element, each of said

plurality of ring bristles extending radially from said annular facing surface of said ring element.

Claim 26 (new): The hygienic utensil of Claim 25 wherein said cleansing and massaging member comprises a multiplicity of cleansing and massaging member bristles, each cleansing and massaging member bristle having an end attached to said body, each cleansing and massaging member bristle being elongated and having an elongated dimension, said elongated dimension of each cleansing and massaging member bristle projecting from said body, said elongated dimension of each of said plurality of cleansing and massaging member bristles being generally parallel to at least one of said ring bristles.

Claim 27 (new): The hygienic utensil of Claim 26 wherein said body comprises a plurality of individual body members, said individual body members being joined one to another, said cleansing and massaging member comprising a plurality of said cleansing and massaging members, each of said plurality of said cleansing and massaging members being attached to one of said individual body members, said ring element comprising a plurality of said ring elements, each of said plurality of ring elements being attached to one of said individual body members.

Claim 28 (new): The hygienic utensil of Claim 27 wherein each of said plurality of cleaning and massaging members comprises a plurality of bristle bundles, each of said plurality of bristle bundles comprising said multiplicity of said cleansing and massaging member bristles.

**Claim 29 (new):** The hygienic utensil of Claim 28 wherein each of said plurality of ring elements defines a circle, each of said circles has a center, each of said plurality of ring elements is located such that a single straight axial line will pass through all of said centers, said straight axial line being generally perpendicular to each of said circles.

**Claim 30 (new):** The hygienic utensil of Claim 29 wherein each of said multiplicity of massaging and cleansing member bristles is located generally perpendicular to a plane, said straight axial line defined by said centers of said circles falling within said plane.

**Claim 31 (new):** The hygienic utensil of Claim 30, further comprising: a plurality of pedestals, each of said plurality of pedestals being attached to one of said individual body members, each of said plurality of cleaning and massaging members being retained by one of said plurality of pedestals.